

St Aidan's & St John Fisher Associated Sixth Form

St Aidan's Student Weekly Notices Week (A) commencing 18 September 2017

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Careers Information

The National Apprenticeship Show is coming to Harrogate on 21 and 22 September

This will take place at the Yorkshire Event Centre (GYS) and employers who offer apprenticeships will be available to offer advice and information on opportunities available for students who want to go into employment after Sixth Form. Opening times are 9.30 - 3.00 and 4.00 - 6.30 on Thursday and 9.30 to 12.00 on Friday. Year 12's can attend on Thursday after school between 4.00 and 6.30pm and Year 13's can also attend over lunchtime and during their free periods **and must book a place to do so via the Careers Department and have a letter from home.** Parents are welcome to attend. For more information please contact the Careers Department and visit <http://www.nationalapprenticeshipshow.org/yorkshirenortheast/>

Year 13 - Applying to university and need help with choosing a course, university, writing your personal statement?

Then please book a careers appointment so we can offer you relevant advice and guidance.

Step into the NHS - Tuesday 26 September 4.30-5.30, Lecture Theatre, Harrogate Hospital

This event is for any student who is considering a role in the NHS or healthcare. The event will cater for those who are considering both a clinical (medical, nursing, allied professions plus support staff) or non-clinical career (finance, administration, IT etc.) Presentations will cover:

- Work experience
- Hidden careers in the NHS
- Volunteering
- Apprenticeships
- Youth Forum

To book a place please e-mail: education.liasion@hdfn.nhs.uk

Preparing for Medical School – Wednesday 27 September 6.30-7.30pm, Harrogate High School

Aimed at students in Year 12 considering applying to medical school. There will be a doctor speaking and also feedback from students who have recently been through the application/interview process. To book a place please email: education.liasion@hdfn.nhs.uk

Exam Information

Admission Tests for Oxford and Cambridge

- Biomedical Admission tests (BMAT)
- Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)

Please see Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible if you need to be entered for any of the above tests. You will need to complete an entry form in order for the school to register you online for the above tests.

Registration Deadline Dates:

- 1 October 2017 – Biomedical admission test (BMAT) or Test of Maths for University Admission (TMUA)
- 15 October 2017 – University of Cambridge Pre-Interview Assessments or University of Oxford Admission Tests.

Test Dates:

- 2 November at 9.00 AM – BMAT & Oxford or Cambridge admission tests
- 8 November at 9.00 AM – TMUA

Cost of Entry:

- BMAT - £46.00
- TMUA - £29.00

All other tests are free to enter

GCSE RE-SITS ENGLISH LANGUAGE & MATHS – NOVEMBER EXAM SERIES

Students who did not attain grade 4 or above in their GCSE English and/or Maths in June 2017 (or grade C in a re-sit) and who need to be entered for a re-sit exam in November 2017 should ensure they complete a yellow GCSE re-sit form. Forms are available now from the Sixth Form Offices at both schools and are also available to download from both school websites. There is no charge for Y12 students re-sitting for the first time. Y13 students wishing to re-sit again or any Y12 students who gained a grade 4 or above but wish to re-sit in an attempt to improve their grade will be required to pay the exam re-sit fee of £36.00 per subject. Forms should be returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's by Monday, 25 September.

Please note: Students who joined Y12 from another school should ensure they speak to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, as soon as possible to discuss their re-sit entry so she can check the details of the re-sit you should be entered for.

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APPLIED GENERAL BUSINESS, APPLIED GENERAL SCIENCE, CAMBRIDGE TECHNICAL IT EXAM RE-SITS – JANUARY 2018 EXAM SERIES

Students wishing to re-sit Applied General or Cambridge Technical written exam units in the January 2018 exam series should ensure they complete a pink re-sit form. Forms are available now from the Sixth Form Offices at both schools and are also available to download from both school websites. Students considering re-sitting in January should discuss this with their subject teacher as their signature is required on the form to confirm the unit details quoted are correct before this is returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, in the Sixth Form Office at St Aidan's. The cost of re-sitting is £30.00 per unit. Forms should be returned to Mrs Humphrey, Exams Officer, by Monday, 9 October

GCSE Astronomy

Any Year 12 students wishing to study for an additional GCSE in Astronomy should see Mr Wilson in Physics for information. The group will meet once a week, every Wednesday after school from 15:45 to approximately 17:00, aiming to complete the full GCSE in 1 year. This is an excellent way to pursue your scientific interests, whilst gaining valuable skills for CV's or UCAS personal statements.

General Information

Supervised Study

Whenever students have supervised study on their timetable they should swipe in to register and work in the Library or Sixth Form Study Centre. There is an expectation that students will bring to these sessions work which they can do independently. If there are any issues with cards not swiping properly, please go to the IT office.

Stay on site

Students are reminded that they are required to be on site during the school day, including break: you should only be leaving St Aidan's to go to lessons at St John Fisher. This is a safeguarding requirement: we are required to know that you are safe and on site. The only exception to this is the lunch break. If for any reason you need to leave school you must sign out at the Sixth Form Office. Please note that, if you are unwell during the day, you must go to the medical room.

Cars/Scooters/Motorbikes

Cars, scooters and motorbikes should not be parked on school premises. Students who have to drive to school are reminded that they should park on local streets showing consideration for local residents and should not return to their vehicles until the end of the school day. Students must register their vehicles with the Sixth Form Office in case they need to be contacted.

Peer Listening Year13

Peer listening starts Monday 18 September. The list with days, times, form rooms and groups is on the Sixth Form noticeboard in the cafe. Students need to check the groups and days asap, as you may have been put down for Monday. If there are any issues, come and see Miss Waters asap. Peer listening runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.45-1.15pm.

Debating Club

Well done to the 40-or so students who turned up to debating club this week. We have agreed to hold a balloon debate next week and have a diverse range of characters taking part, from Donald Trump to William Shakespeare. See Dr Murray if you would like to know more. Otherwise come along to **Hu1 on Tuesday 19 September from 12.30.**

Gold DofE Year 12.

The Gold DofE information evening will be held in the Main Hall on Tuesday 19 September at 6pm for students and parents. Please come along to find out more about this excellent Award. If you have any questions or require a letter please see Miss Phillpotts in Languages.

Cross Country Running

Cross country running every Friday 3.40, meet at the gym ready to go. All running abilities welcome and there will be trips out in the minibus.

Boys Football

Football training is on Thursdays straight after school, please meet in the outside changing rooms after school. You will need to bring sports kit, shin pads, football socks, football boots and trainers. If you would like any more information about the football team then please see either Mr Maullin in the PE office or Mr Holdsworth in his office in Bede.

Zawadi

Zawadi are a group of Year 11 - Year 13 students who meet each Thursday lunchtime to plan a series of fundraising events which take place between October and April. All funds are directed to Craft Aid International, a local charity which supports projects in Yorkshire, Peru and Equador training people living with disability to enable them to earn money and live independent lives. Last year we presented them with a cheque for £3000! Zawadi is now in its 10th year and the team are planning some very exciting events in the next few months. They are currently recruiting for new members and will be giving out further information at the Year 12 assembly next week. Anyone in Y12 and 13 who would like to apply, please take an application form from Main Reception and return it to the Orange Box at Reception by Tuesday September 26. Or talk one of the current Zawadi members - this years Chair and Vice Chair are Chloe Swales 13MH20 and Jack Roberts 13AC3.

Thank you